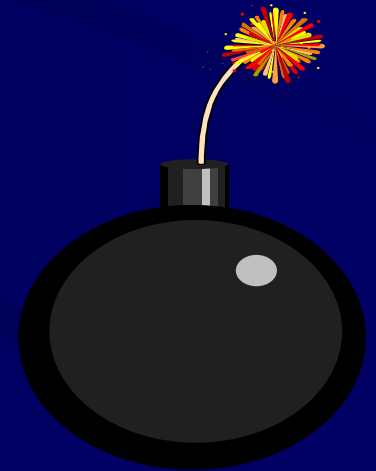


# MAIL BOMB RECOGNITION

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# COMMON CHARACTERISTICS OF LETTER & PARCEL BOMBS

- TYPE OF MAIL:
  - FOREIGN, PRIOROTIY, SPECIAL DELIVERY
- RESTRICTIVE MARKINGS:
  - CONFIDENTIAL, PERSONAL, TO BE OPENED BY ADDRESSEE ONLY

# COMMON CHARACTERISTICS

- VISUAL DISTRACTION: FRAGILE, RUSH, HANDLE WITH CARE
- EXCESSIVE POSTAGE (USUALLY POSTAGE STAMPS)

# COMMON CHARACTERISTICS

- FICTICIOUS OR NO RETURN ADDRESS
- POORLY TYPED OR HANDWRITTEN ADDRESS
- INCORRECT TITLES

# COMMON CHARACTERISTICS

- TITLES BUT NO NAMES
- MISSPELLINGS OF COMMON WORDS
- OILY STAINS OR DISCOLORATIONS

# COMMON CHARACTERISTICS

- EXCESSIVE OR UNEVEN WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION
- EXECESSIVE BINDING MATERIAL:
  - MASKING, ELECTRIC OR STRAPPING TAPE, STRING, TWINE

# COMMON CHARACTERISTICS

- RIGID, LOPSIDED OR UNEVEN ENVELOPE
- PROTRUDING WIRES, SCREWS OR OTHER METAL PARTS
- POSTMARK DIFFERENT FROM RETURN ADDRESS

# PROPER ACTIONS

- DO NOT ATTEMPT TO OPEN PACKAGE
- CALL 911
- CALL REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICE

# PROPER ACTIONS

- ISOLATE THE PACKAGE
- EVACUATE THE IMMEDIATE AREA

# SUMMARY

- LOOK FOR THE UNUSUAL
- ALWAYS ERR ON THE  
SIDE OF YOUR  
SAFETY

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